



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED VALLEY REGION BELLINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Public Comment Period: November 7, 2008, to December 12, 2008

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed Valley Region Bellingham Elementary School Addition site. This workplan describes the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 879 cubic yards (1,319 tons) of soil from the site. The 1.8 acre site is located next to the Bellingham Primary Center. The proposed addition is bordered by Vantage Avenue to the west, Archwood Street to the south, and alleys parallel to Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Vanowen Street to the east and north. During environmental investigations at the site, organochlorine pesticides (OCPs) and lead were detected in shallow soils exceeding DTSC health risk levels. DTSC recommended that LAUSD remove the contaminated soils and transport them to a permitted off-site disposal facility.

DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The NOE states that the proposed cleanup will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment because of the small amount of contaminated soil to be removed, the removal's short duration, and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be removed, loaded onto trucks and taken away to an approved/permitted off-site facility for lawful disposal/treatment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed cleanup during a thirty (30) day public comment period that starts on November 7, 2008, and ends on December 12, 2008.

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Juan Osornio, Project Manager, DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630, and must be postmarked by **December 12, 2008**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Valley Plaza Branch Library, 12311 Vanowen St., North Hollywood; Bellingham Primary Center, 6728 Bellingham Ave., North Hollywood; Fair Avenue Elementary School, 6501 Fair Ave., North Hollywood; Maurice Sendak Elementary School, 11414 W. Tiara St., North Hollywood; LAUSD Local District 2 Office, 5200 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood; LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety, 1055 West 7th St., 9th Fl., Los Angeles, CA; and at www.laschools.org. Also, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Contact: Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337 for an appointment. Project documents can also be found at www.envirostor.gov.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the removal activities, please contact Jeanne Matsumoto, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5338 or email: jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov; or Juan Osornio, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5498 or email: josornio@dtsc.ca.gov. Media queries contact: Jeanne Garcia at (818) 717-6573 or email: jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov. For information about DTSC, visit: www.dtsc.ca.gov.

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